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Cloth and Fine Beaver Overcoats,

Which they will sell at Less than Cost.

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Neckties, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

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AND

PACKERS.

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We have on hand a choice lot of

Sugar Cured Hams, Shoulders, Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, Bologna, and Land at Wholesale and Retail.

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Of all kinds on hand. We kill only first-class stock, and have it sliced at 17 cents per pound for best cuts.

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Leave your orders at the Book Store of J. R. RACE & CO., and they will be promptly attended to.

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Best White Wheat Flour, \$8.25 per cwt.

Choice XXX Family, \$8.00

Per 100 lbs. net weight.

Petition for an Order to Sell Real Estate.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.

Macon County, ss.

James Dunning, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Mahannah, deceased, petitioner, vs. Hannah Mahannah, Stephen Mahannah, Jacob Mahannah and Henry Mahannah, defendants.

The said Benjamin Mahannah, deceased, was a resident of Macon County, Illinois, at the time of his death, and his estate is situated in said county.

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Report of the Condition of the

DECATUR NATIONAL BANK

At Decatur, in the State of Illinois, at the close of business on the 21st of Jan. 1878.

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand and in banks, \$111,346.58

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 50,000.00

Due from other National Banks, 3,121.71

Due from State Banks and Banks, 10,268.15

Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 2,029.62

Current expenses and taxes paid, 2,401.75

Checks and other cash items, 2,029.20

Bills of other banks, 7,800.00

Furniture, 1,000.00

Specie (including Gold Treasury certificates), 857.97

Gold and silver coins, 10,000.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 cent of circulation, 2,871.00

Total, \$215,000.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00

Surplus fund, 10,000.00

Undivided profits, 4,000.14

National Bank notes outstanding, 47,000.00

Individual deposits, 44,701.88

Demand certificates of deposit, 2,871.00

Time certificates of deposit, 8,000.00

Notes and bills re-issued, 2,000.00

Total, \$215,000.00

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TIGHT BOOTS.

We prowled on several hours, sometimes inland, and finally managed to get lost, which is a feat that requires talent in Bermuda. I had on new shoes. They were No. 7's when I started, but were not more than 5's now, and still diminishing. I walked two hours in those shoes after that before we reached home. Doubtless I could have the reader's sympathy for the asking. Many people have never had the headache or the toothache, and I am one of those myself, but everybody has worn tight shoes for two or three hours, and known the luxury of taking them off in a retired place and seeing his feet swell up and obscure the firmament. Few of us will ever forget the exquisite hour we were married. Once when I was a callow, baneful cub, I took a plain, unadorned country girl to a comedy one night. I had known her a day; she seemed divine; I wore my new boots. At the end of the first half hour she said, "Why do you fidget so with your feet?" I said, "Did I?" Then I put my attention there and kept still. At the end of another half hour she said, "Why do you say 'Yes, O yes!' and 'Ha, ha, O, certainly!' very true!" to everything I say, when half the time those are entirely irrelevant answers?" I blushed, and explained that I had been a little absent-minded. At the end of another half hour she said, "Please, why do you grin so steadfastly at vacancy, and yet look so sad?" I was reflecting. An hour passed, and then she turned and contemplated me with her earnest eyes and said, "Why do you cry, all the time?" I explained that very funny comedies always made me cry. At last human nature surrendered, and I secretly slipped my boots off. This was a mistake. I was not able to get them on again. It was a rainy night, there were no omnibuses going our way, and as I walked home, burning up with shame, with the girl on one arm and my boots under the other, I was an object worthy of compassion, especially in those moments of martyrdom when I had to pass through the glare that fell upon the pavement from street-lamps. Finally, this child of the forest said, "Where are your boots?" and being taken unprepared, I put a fitting finish to the follies of the evening with the stupid remark, "The higher classes do not wear them to the theatre."—Mark Twain's Bermuda trip—Atlantic Monthly.

ANOTHER POSTAL CONGRESS.

Another Postal Congress is about to be held in Europe, and France will propose international post office orders at one per cent. tax, the rate of exchange to be adjusted by the Congress. It is to be hoped also that the Versailles Government will agree, at least, to conform to the five-cent rate for letters, which was accepted at the late Postal Congress of Rome, upon the suggestion of Messrs. Blackfan and Vignaud, two Americans, who had prepared the project for the International Postal Union.

"There is not," wrote an editor of the *Deadwood Daily Champion*, "a quieter, more peaceful, well-regulated and orderly community in the Western country." And then, as the office boy entered to say that somebody wanted to see him, he took his bowie between his teeth, put a Colt's new pattern seven-shooter on the desk in front of him, and said: "Jim, get another coffin, plain pine one, this time, and let the son of a gun in."

WORDS OF WARNING.

During the present year, as in the past, the grave will close over thousands, simply because they neglect the means which would restore them to health. Meet the fell destroyer at the threshold, and dispute his invasion by that more than wonderful medicine, Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. There is no cough or cold, case of asthma, bronchitis, blood-spitting, weak lungs, croup or whooping cough, which will not yield more readily to this great BOTTLE of Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound, than any other medicine. If you would avoid disappointment, and be speedily cured, ask your Druggist for Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. Trial size, 10 cents. Regular size, 50 cents and One Dollar. For sale by Doctor A. J. Storer, Druggist, Decatur, Ill.

Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup is perfectly safe. Extremely palatable. No physic required. Consultants. Try it Jan 10—dwtm

The Great Popularity of the "Old Dominion" Book Gloves and Gauntlets has induced parties, both in Decatur and surrounding towns, to sell inferior gloves under this name. None are genuine unless stamped "Geo. Ott" on the inside, and to be had only of

Oct 2—dwtm

Just received, the latest

WINNER FASHIONS

at Linn & Scruggs.

Dec 1—dwtm

Notice.—As I wish to retire from the jewelry business, I will sell my entire stock, consisting of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Musical Instruments, &c., at first cost, for cash only. All desiring anything in my line may be convinced that I mean what I say by giving me a call.

J. L. KNEPPER,

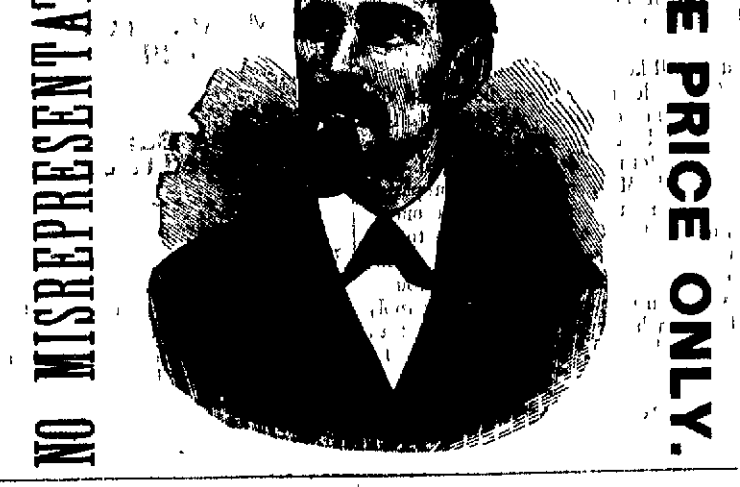
24 Merchant St., Decatur, Ill.

Jan 1—dwtm

Reading and hearing are two things; seeing is another. Go and see the great bargains in boots and shoes, at

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

NO MISREPRESENTATION.



THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

THE BATTLE IS OVER.

And the Wounded Little Middleman is Groaning in Decatur.

CHEAP CHARLEY IS VICTORIOUS

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE WICKED CONTINUES, AND THE PEOPLE HAVE AT LAST ACHIEVED THEIR RIGHTS.

THEY CAN BUY CLOTHING,

Of "Cheap Charley" at 25 per cent. below any regular retail prices. The reason you can buy of "Cheap Charley" at such low figures, is because he manufactures and

SELLS ONLY CLOTHING OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE.

Therefore, it is impossible for a

Little Middleman to Compete with Him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and sells goods of his own manufacture at lower prices than all others, and the people will, look to his store and buy of him, of course the middleman will "squeal," but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods are lower than ever. One price only.

IF GOODS NOT AS REPRESENTED, THE MONEY WILL BE cheerfully REFUNDED.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

Corner East Main and Water Streets, Decatur, Ill.

Corner Main and Water Sts., Decatur, Iowa.

HEADQUARTERS—72 NORTH CLARK ST., CHICAGO, ILLS.

Kaufman & Bachrach.

Dec. 1, 1877—dwtm

WILL REMOVE

The SINGER Office! WILL REMOVE TO PRAIRIE STREET! FIRST DOOR NORTH OF MERCHANT, Directly Opposite the Post Office! ON FEBRUARY 1, 1878.

GEO. P. BLUME.

Grand Clearance Sale FURNITURE!!

IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR AN

Elegant Stock of Spring Goods, the

DECATUR FURNITURE CO.

WILL OFFER FOR SALE FOR THE

NEXT SIXTY DAYS,

AT WHOLESALE PRICES, at their RETAIL

WAREHOUSES, on the

West Side of the New Square,

—THEIR—

MAMMOTH STOCK

—OF—

CHOICE FURNITURE

consisting of everything usually kept in a first-class retail establishment.

Dec. 25, 1877—dwtm

FRESH MEATS!

F. M. Garver

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Decatur that he has bought the meat market formerly owned by Kreier & Strickland, on North Water street, north of the Washburn Railroad, first door north of Reame's Grocery, where he will always have on hand a full line of

Fresh Meats, Sausage, Pudding, Etc.

at as low prices as can be had in the city of Decatur. He kills some but first-class stock and keeps none but the best meats.

Dec. 15—dwtm

Great Closing-Out Sale

JEWELRY

The Finest and Most Select Stock in the city, which will be sold at

ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.

THREE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN BOUGHT FOR CASH, hence can sell them at least 50 PER CENT. CHEAPER than ever offered before. I would call your attention to prices on a few staple articles, all other Goods in proportion:

Solid Gold Rings, from \$1 to \$2.

Fine Rolled Plate Chains, from \$2 to \$3.

Gold Studs, \$1 and upward.

Ladies' Solid Gold Sets, \$3 and upward.

Genuine Elgin, Waltham and Springfield Watches, \$12 to \$15.

Fine Solid Cases, at Great Bargains.

Clocks, from \$1 and upward.

Also, a Full Line of

Silver and Silver Plated Ware.

Musical Instruments Less than Cost.

Call and be convinced.

H. POST,

No. 26 Merchant Street.

Dec. 1, 1877—dwtm

FOUND AT LAST

The Perfection of

HARD COAL BASE BURNERS!

—Viz: The—

CROWN JEWEL.

—Also the—

GOOD RECORD.

Which is an Excellent Stove and at

Very Low Prices

For Soft Coal call and see the

CROWN DIAMOND,

Revolution and Rotary

Also a full assortment of all kinds of

COAL & WOOD STOVES.

—A Full Line of—

HARDWARE,

TINWARE,

ETC., ETC.,

PRICES GREATLY REDUCED.

R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Dec 11/77—dwtm

HARPER'S WEEKLY.

Illustrated.

The Weekly is the most abundant and powerful illustrated periodical published in this country. Its editorial is scholarly and convincing, and carries much weight. Its illustrations of current events are full and fresh, and are prepared by our best designers.—*Littell's Living Age*.Harper's Weekly should be in every family throughout the land, as a purveyor, more interesting, lighter-toned, better illustrated paper is not published in this or any other country.—*Commercial Bulletin*, Boston.The Weekly is the only illustrated paper of the day that in its essential character is recognized as a national paper.—*Broadway Eagle*.

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FOR SALE—CHEAP.

AN ACRE OF GROUND, FRONTING ON West Main street and running through to Wood street, making four large lots, on which is erected a frame house with all the good dry celling under the whole house, smoke-house, wood shed, stable and other outbuildings—all in good repair. The lot is covered with fruit of all kinds—apples, peaches, pears, grapes, etc.—all in good bearing. The property will be sold for cash, or on half cash, and the balance in 12 months. Apply on the premises, No. 100 West Main street.

W. BACHMAN.

Main street.

Jan 2—dwtm

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

TRA B. CURTIS.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,

No. 25 North Main street, Decatur, Illinois.—Collections a Specialty.

BANKRUPTCY—FIDELITY & BURROUGHS, Bankers, J. Millikin & Co., Bankers, T. H. Hill, National Bank, John Ullrich, Wholesale Grocer, J. R. Race & Co., Clothiers, Linn & Scruggs, Merchants, Capt. R. F. Lytle, Postmaster.

Dec. 15, 1877—dwtm

B. T. TROWBRIDGE.

DENTISTS.

Offer their professional services to the public. Continues Gum Work a Specialty. Office in Opera Block, over H. B. Lewis' grocery store, Decatur, Ill. Work warranted.

Nov. 15, 1877—dwtm

FRANK W. HAINES.

BILL POSTER, DISTRIBUTOR.

AGENT SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE

may be found on inquiry at the REPUBLICAN Counting Room.

E. P. HARTLETT.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Office on Prairie street, over "Globe" Boot and Shoe store, next to "Our Drug Store." Having good permanent facilities for the practice of my profession, I will respectfully ask the citizens of Decatur and vicinity to give me a share of their patronage. I will give my most scientific treatment in all cases. Will be found at my office at all hours, day and night, unless professionally engaged elsewhere. Special attention given to diseases of women and children.

Jan 17/78—dwtm

R. B. LEONARD.

Teacher of Dancing.

Orders left at Prof. Goodman's, 1st Avenue—National Hall, or at Mr. Leonard's residence, corner Broadway and East William streets, will be promptly attended to. Specialties—Waltzing, Quick Step, Polka, and other dances. Lessons given at the house of pupils if preferred. No classes. Pupils can commence at any time. Out of town classes instructed on reasonable terms.

Nov 25—dwtm

S. J. BUMSTEAD, M. D.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Oct 22-417 JNO. W. SMITH.

THE Honolulu papers announce the death of William P. Hagedale, Governor of the Hawaiian Islands, on the island of Oahu. Hagedale was a Hawaiian by birth, and was at one time a prominent lawyer and the most noted orator of the kingdom. He discovered that he was afflicted with leprosy, and voluntarily retired to the leper settlement. Here he found about 800 lepers, and a number of others who had exiled themselves to be near unfortunate relatives and friends. He introduced many reforms, and made the saddest community in the world one of the most cheerful.

A BATHING system is about to be adopted by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the abatement of the tramp nuisance along the line of their road. A number of strongly made cars have been prepared, so arranged as to accommodate prisoners separated from each other, and which are to be used for the incarceration of tramps caught in criminal conduct in rural districts remote from county jails. County authorities have been asked to assist in testing this effort, which will of course fail, unless it is legally indorsed, as the company has no authority of its own volition to deprive any man, however degraded an outcast, of his liberty. The effect of this policy, if fairly managed, will cause a stampede of tramps who have been deprecating along the Pennsylvania road to other parts of the State.

It appears that the last straw that weighed in the balance against Sen. or Dennis re-election by the Maryland Legislature, was the fact that he joined Conkling in defeating the President's New York Custom House nominations. The Legislature had, also, early in the Senatorial career, indicated that Montgomery Blair's outbreak against the President's title had spoiled whatever chance that gentleman may have possessed.

SOME of the New York jobbing-houses are discussing the feasibility of dispensing with that costly element in their business, the commercial traveler. It seems to be generally agreed that the expense of keeping a legion of drummers in the field necessitates the addition of a considerable percentage to the price of goods, and that, where active competition compels the sacrifice of this percentage, the burden becomes ruinous to the jobbers themselves.

SURE have been brought against the Union Pacific railroad and the Central Pacific railroad to recover about \$5,500,000 which these roads jointly owe to the Government. The roads in question are indebted to the United States in the amount of nearly \$77,000,000, for which bonds are held which will mature in 1897. In the meantime the roads have no interest to pay on their bonds, but are pledged to pay the United States while they are maturing one-half the transportation accounts, and 5 per cent. of their net earnings. The transportation items the Government has withheld, while the companies have, in turn, withheld the 5 per cent. on the profits, which is the basis of the action above referred to.

THE late Mr. Greeley's estate has been finally settled. Among the assets were \$80,000 worth of broken promises to pay, the only certain value of which, unfortunately for his family, is their value as waste paper.

THE deacon of a Washington Church, while recently counting over the collection money, found an old and faded piece of paper, which proved to be his own nearly outlawed note for \$30, which the holder, unable to collect, had turned into the treasury of the Lord.

THE Parisians, it is said, are lowly made by that they were before the war of 1870. But it is difficult to think of Paris otherwise than as a continual carnival-ground, a pleasure resort for the world. Are they a sadder and a sorer people? Do not think it. A correspondent writes that they are to have some masked balls at the Grand Opera-House soon, but he surmises that these masquerade entertainments will not succeed so well in the new as in the old regime. Vanity! Stroll down the Elysees or the Boulevard des Capucines any fine night, and watching the ceaseless flow of gaiety, convince yourself that you are not in a masquerade!

PUNCTUALITY.

PUNCTUALITY is the soul of business, and it is astonishing how many people are unpunctual. It is not only a serious vice in itself, but the fruitful parent of numerous other vices, so that he who becomes its victim is soon involved in tolls from which it is almost impossible to escape. It makes the merchant wasteful of time, saps the business reputation of the lawyer, and injures the prospects of mechanics who might otherwise rise to fortune; in a word, there is not a profession nor station in life which is not liable to the counter of this disastrous habit.

A large lot of new Prints just received at B. H. Hester's.

LETTER FROM CHICAGO.

THE FASHION AND SO FORTH.

THE REPUBLICAN. This letter relates solely to the fashions of the gentlemen. There's been a "cheil among em' takin' notes." The first and uppermost is the hat. It is not so extensive as in the good old days, but is a little larger than the silver dollar of the daddies. It is worn with a dash-board in front, like the frontpiece of a buggy. On the rear end of the hat is about the fourth part of a rabbit skin, or a bird's wing or tail, according to the taste of the wearer. The selection of this ornamental attachment and its shape and quantity is purely a matter of taste and discretion. The color varies with the age of the gentleman. If he is say 50 years of age the color is something of a buff nature denoting ripeness. If he is 30, then the color is carnation or violet, be something of that nature. The hat is worn middling well, on the head, at about an angle of 45 degrees with the plane of the elliptical. In other words, the hob is located on the head at about where the bald spot is upon the head of a Canadian priest. The ornamental part of the hat is what costs money. The balance of the hat, on an average, would cost about three cents, more or less.

There are two styles of wearing the hair. The first is what is called the smash. The hair for about two inches back of the forehead is all tangled up and looks for all the world like an old-fashioned brush fence. To be more accurate, it resembles a piece of wool that you pick out of an old mattress that has been in the service for about 40 years. That part of the head looks as if it had gone through a collision, it is so frizzled and mussed up like. The second style is where you cut off the front hair and let it hang down to within an eighth of an inch of the eyebrows. This style fills out the manly brow and makes a person look intellectual, like Nero for instance. It is thought that this latter style is going out of fashion but it is hoped that it will hold out until after the next cholera season comes around again. But little attention is paid to the back of the head, in fact it does not deserve much.

The next is the pantaloons, called pants among ordinary folks. They are made of all sorts of fabrics, but the most popular is the snowflake. Pants are cut long, too long for the condition of the streets this winter, but we did not know what sort of a winter we were going to have. While the gentlemen are walking on the street the proper thing for them to do is to hold up their right pants leg about a foot high, more or less, according to the underwear. This is done to keep that particular pants leg off of the walk and out of the dirt. It won't do to hold both up. It would look like a fellow was wading through shallow water, you know. The left pants leg is left to take care of itself. Who cares for it anyhow? I saw a fellow on the street the other day, right from Field & Leiter's, who held up his left pants leg. Poor fellow—his right hand was off and that was the best he could do.

The goats men are called "cut-aways," which means that they are rounded off at top and bottom and would resemble the side view of a rocking chair. The material is Scotch or resembles Scotch, and is of various colors and conditions. MORE AXON.

WHY is it in every scheme proposed by Secretary Sherman, the intervention of the broker and middleman must be called in between the purchaser of the government bonds and the government? In the plan gotten up by Mr. Sherman for the sale of bonds of small denominations direct to the people, it is proposed to make the certificate of deposit convertible into a long time bond in place of convertible into greenbacks at the pleasure of the holder. In order to make the government savings scheme of any particular benefit to the poorer classes, their savings must be convertible into cash at pleasure, but in place of this the Secretary proposes that the matter shall be so arranged that when the depositor desires to use his money he must go to the broker and submit to whatever shams he may see fit to make upon the long time bond. It is probably that if the certificates of deposits were payable in greenbacks on demand at postoffices or national banks, that they would be largely used in the place of currency, as they would readily pass from hand to hand, and thus the circulating medium be virtually increased, and this is probably the reason why the Secretary insists upon making them subject to brokers' charges. Secretary Sherman having succeeded in contracting the currency until he has almost ruined the business of the country, is determined that no relief shall be afforded if he can prevent it. What the people want is a release from the exactions of the stock jobbers and shaving brokers. They want a government bond issued in sums sufficiently small to enable them to purchase, and they want those bonds convertible into greenbacks, without passing through the money-shaving shops, and if Secretary Sherman cannot give them something of this kind he might as well continue the old policy of selling the bonds through syndicates. —Bloomington Leader.

THE Cuban rebellion, which has so often been nearly crushed, according to the pretentious reports of Spanish military commanders, appears to be still a pretty lively affair to engage their attention. If the statement of a recent writer can be relied on, the rebels number about 75,000, of whom 25,000 are well armed, and it requires 168,000 Spanish soldiers to garrison the various Cuban cities, while Campos keeps 40,000 men in the field, pretending to "put down" the rebellion.

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USING STRAW FOR FOOD.

The Russian Mennonite settlement in Nebraska has taught Americans one trick worth knowing at least. Usually in the prairie states of the West there is considerable suffering in extremely cold weather from lack of fuel. Farmers have been known to burn their corn from necessity. People have frozen to death in some of the terrible prairie storms. But the Mennonites introduced simple furnaces for burning straw. One of these furnaces only costs five dollars for the iron work, the rest being made of brick and clay. By proper use, a ton of straw will go more half as far as a ton of coal for fuel. The Mennonites twist the straw into hard rolls, or press it into small cakes, so that it burns as wood, and gives off as much heat. One of these furnaces, supplied with fuel only three times a day, will keep a Mennonite house warm the whole twenty-four hours, besides doing the cooking. As coal is costly and wood still more so, and as heretofore western farmers have wasted their straw, the Mennonite plan of preparing and using it for fuel is an economy which will prove of great value to the prairie states, and it is rapidly extending among the Americans. Of course, American invention will speedily supply hand machines for pressing the straw into cakes, and improved stores for burning it.

MONEY INVESTED.

In town lots, at bed-rock prices, in a city of stately and healthy growth, can neither shrink in value, burn up or blow away, and savings deposited in this class of property will, sooner or later, give to the depositor a home, secure to himself, his wife and children, against the exactions of landlords and creditors in the day of adversity. I have desirable investments in different parts of the city, among them some twenty on South Water Street, within three blocks of the center of business, and I am now throwing open for sale a considerable number of choice lots on North Water Street, in the heart of the city, very convenient to business, which I will sell at such prices and on such terms of payment as will put a good lot within the reach of every thrifty citizen who may wish to own a home.

H. E. DUFFEE, At the office of Watson & Duffee, Dec 10—dwt.

It has Stood the Test.

If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that Consumption can be cured, while for Coughs, Hoarseness, Asthma, Whooping Cough, and all Lung or Throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents, and \$1.00 per bottle. If your Lungs are sore, or Chest or Back lame, use SHILOH'S PLEURAL PLEURISY. Price 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint we have ever known, otherwise we could not guarantee it. In cases of Consumption, where General Debility, Loss of Appetite and Constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE always inflames and heals the Lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

HACKMETACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner. Dec 14—dwt.

Backsack Candies, the best and cheapest goods in the market for men and boys, at LINN & SCRUGGS.

Nov. 18—dwt.

Old Pianos and Organs taken in exchange for new ones, at Goldstein's Music Store, Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

Nov. 17—

Notice.—As I wish to retire from the jewelry business, I will sell my entire stock, consisting of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Musical Instruments, &c., &c., at first cost, for cash only. All desiring anything in my line may be convinced that I mean what I say by giving me a call.

J. L. KNEPPEL, 24 Merchant St., Decatur, Ill. Jan 11—dwt.

The Great Popularity of the "Old Dominion" Buck Gloves and Gauntlets has induced parties, both in Decatur and surrounding towns, to sell inferior gloves under this name. None are genuine unless stamped "Geo. Ott" on the inside, and to be had only of Oct. 2—dwt.

Reading and hearing are two things, seeing is another. Go and see the great bargains in boots and shoes, at Jan 10—dwt.

BARNER & BAKER'S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The workingmen held their convention this evening. The police discovered the place of meeting and made a decent upon it. The captain in charge, who was vested with discretionary powers, entered the hall, and finding the proceedings of a quiet and legitimate character, forbore to interfere and the convention completed the business of the evening and adjourned without disturbance, after effecting an organization, until Wednesday evening. A committee was appointed to obtain a writ of mandamus from the mayor to show cause why the convention should not be permitted to hold its sessions undisturbed.

The run on the Odd Fellows savings bank, subsided, to-day. That on the Clay Street bank, continued quite briskly, but the officers express no concern and seem confident the run will wear itself out, rendering unnecessary any steps to realize upon assets.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 22.—The House at 3 o'clock this afternoon voted for United States Senator Mr. Allison had 67 votes; L. F. Miller, 23; and C. N. Gates, 3.

The Senate voted for U. S. Senator: Allison, 32; Lemuel F. Miller, 12.

TELEGRAPHIC

CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Panic Prevailing There.

How they Get Rid of Republican Officials in the Kingdom of Wate Hampton.

NO MORE STEAMBOAT TRIPS.

Swindling Bankers Sentenced to Jail.

READING, Pa., Jan. 22.—Jacob and J. Albert Hantsenger, the Pottsville bankers, were this morning brought before the court for sentence. Judge Hageman in sentencing the defendants said among other things: The jury have found you guilty of having conspired to defraud Thomas F. Kerns, the prosecutor, out of his property to the amount of \$24,000. After which he sentenced the defendants to pay a fine of \$500 for the use of the county, restore to the prosecutor, Thomas F. Kerns, \$24,000, and that they undergo a sentence of two years at separate and solitary confinement at hard labor in the Berks county jail, pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed until sentence is complied with. This is the full extent of the law. The father, who is over seventy years of age, and the son about thirty-five, stood throughout this ordeal very calm and collected. After the sentence, the prisoners were taken in charge by the Sheriff, and at 10 o'clock proceeded to jail, where each was put in a separate cell.

COMBINED, S. C. Jan. 22.—The State Supreme Court decided to-day that Circuit Judges must be elected by ballot instead of viva voce. This decision ousts all Circuit Judges elected prior to 1877 by the Republican Legislature and retains Kershaw and Wallace, elected last year by the Democrats. It was a constitutional question, involving the word "ballot." The Supreme Court divided, Associate Judges Melvin and Haskell agreeing that ballot was required, Chief Justice Willard dissenting in favor of viva voce, which was uniformly practiced by Republicans. When the decision was announced to-day Judge Townsend immediately adjourned Circuit Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 22.—A Victoria dispatch says the steamer California has arrived from Wrangell and Sitka. The people of Sitka are in fear from want of protection from the Government. Sitka and Hutzin Indians were at war when the steamer arrived, but ceased hostilities while she lay there, and commenced again as soon as she left. Large numbers were seen assembling in war paint. The Indians are destroying many Government and other buildings which are empty. The people are not strong enough to prevent it.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22.—The Keokuk Northern Packet company have abolished bars from their steamers between here and St. Paul, and will run their boats in the future on strictly nonpartisan principles. The profits from this source, heretofore have been about \$12,000 per season.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that rumors from Constantinople show that a general panic prevails there, and the excitement is hourly increasing. It is believed the guaranteeing powers will send ships to protect their subjects. The new instructions to the peace delegates, of which Ised Pasha was the bearer, were sent more on account of the panic than for any other cause. These new instructions, as well as conferring far fuller powers, insist above all upon the delegates doing everything possible to stop the Russian advance. This correspondent also mentions the Russians' threat to march on Constantinople.

A Paris correspondent says that an official announcement has been published in Constantinople stating if negotiations fail everything is prepared for defense to the last extremity, and advises inhabitants to be calm. A Gallipoli dispatch says the panic still continues. All Turkish families are leaving town, and refugees are arriving from country districts. The Russians have occupied Demotika and Usun Kopri and are still advancing. The defenses here are unprepared and military stores are deficient.

A Pera correspondent is informed that the peace delegates are instructed to make peace on any terms so as to stop the Russian advance. The same correspondent states that all day Monday inflammatory placards were distributed throughout Istanbul.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—George Sherry and Jerry Connelly, who did the brutal, unprovoked stabbing of an innocent Irish citizen on Saturday night, were before the coroner's jury to-day, and the former gave his evidence, confessing, not only participation in the affair, but also owning that the two had made an attempt upon the lives of several other persons during the evening, their sole object being the performance of some devilish deed. There is a strong feeling among a portion of the Irish population, and hints of lynching have been freely bandied about.

IMPORTANT LETTER

From a Distinguished Physician.

NO man has ever outlived more suffering than I have. The breaking up of the constitution, the decay of the organs, the loss of sight, the loss of hearing, the loss of the mind, the loss of the memory, the loss of the power of action, the loss of the power of thought, the loss of the power of feeling, the loss of the power of love, the loss of the power of hope, the loss of the power of faith, the loss of the power of charity, the loss of the power of all the virtues, the loss of the power of all the graces, the loss of the power of all the gifts of God, the loss of the power of all the blessings of heaven, the loss of the power of all the joys of earth, the loss of the power of all the pleasures of sense, the loss of the power of all the delights of life, the loss of the power of all the comforts of home, the loss of the power of all the friends of earth, the loss of the power of all the loves of men, the loss of the power of all the affections of women, the loss of the power of all the joys of heaven, the loss of the power of all the 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